



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
U.S. NAVY * U.S. MARINE CORPS * U.S. COAST GUARD*

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MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BRANCH OFFICERS

President:	Robert Turner	307 Southview St., Willard, MO 65781	(417)838-4991
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Chaplain:	Don Brunk	2478 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810	(417)840-4717

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

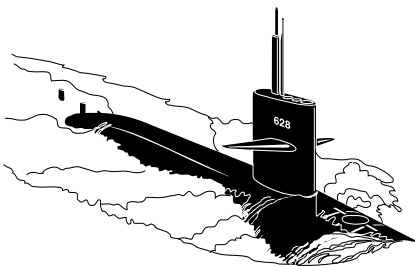
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EVENTS MAY 2026

May 1 – Loyalty to US Day
Silver Star Service Banner Day
May 8 – VE Day(Victory in Europe Day
1945)
May 10 – Mother’s Day
Coast Guard Band Est. (1925)
May 13 – Navy Nurse Corps Est. (1908)
May 15 – Peace Off. Memorial Day
May 16 – Armed Forces Day
May 25 – Memorial Day
May 28 – Branch Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 25 – Branch Meeting
Installation of Branch Officers
Jul 23 – Branch Meeting
Aug 20 – Branch Meeting
Aug 23 – 27 HLR Convention
In Springfield, MO



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thursday May 28, 2026
(1700) Meal
(1800) Branch Meeting
American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65807

**“SHIPMATES”
YOU ARE WANTED
AND WELCOME
AT BRANCH 316’S
MEETINGS**



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, MAY 28, 2026, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. Our meal will be provided by the Branch at 1700. We will have election of Branch Officers.

LAST MEETING: S/M President Robert Turner called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800 IAW Article 12 Sec 1214 National C&BL. Members in attendance were: Charles Ewy, Don Weiss, Jim Gallion, Frank Parker, Nolan Moody, Teri Jeske, Bernie Daum, Joe Newton, James Blanton, Maddie Morris, Virginia Swayne, Robert Turner, and Jim Grier. S/M Acting Chaplain Virginia Swayne opened the Bible and gave the opening prayer. All Shipmates repeated the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag and the "Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA". A motion was made by S/M Nolan Moody to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, MARCH 26, 2026, and approve as they were published verbatim in the APRIL 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- No Report.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- No Report

MEMBERSHIP:

- NOVEMBER REPORT – 1 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 0 Suspensions, 115 Total active members, 3 Members past due, 112 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- Jim Gallion reported he is sending in a news release about our Heartland Regional Convention. He read it to the assembly.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- The Sea Cadets are doing great.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- S/M Secretary passed around the "Calling All Hands" info sheet on Recruiting Awards that can be earned by recruiting new members.
- NED Memo 14-26 (Annual National Committee Report Submission Requirements.)
- Director Membership (Fourth Quarter Membership/Voting Strength Report 2025-2026.)
- Nat Board Authorization No. 01-26 (Authorization to change Distribution of Nat Credential Form and ABOR for 2026 Nat Convention.)
- NED Memo 15-26 (ABOR – Election & Submission Requirements.)
- NED Memo 16-26 (Certification of Branch Representation for the 98th Nat Conv.)
- NED Memo 17-26 (Updated "Calling All Hands" Flyer and New FRA Brochure.)

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M Nolan Moody showed the assembly the purposed Branch coin and asked for suggestions for the back of the coin. Nothing definite was suggested. He also showed a cup that was being considered along with Polo Shirts that would be sold at the convention.
- S/M Secretary passed around the partial Conv. Journal to let shipmates see what it was going to look like.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary read the nominating committees recommendations for the coming elections in May: President – Robert Turner, Vice President – Virginia Swayne, Secretary – Chuck Ewy 2nd year, Treasurer – Frank Parker 2nd year, BOD – Tom Newsom JrPP, Teri Jeske, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Norma Wright, and Bernie Daum.
- S/M Frank Parker mentioned the Golf Tournament that is replacing the PCCC. Ask for Shipmates that would help out: Frank Parker, Chuck Ewy, Joe Newton, Teri Jeske, Robert Turner, Jim Gallion, and Don Brunk.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy and S/M President Robert Turner presented S/M Jim Gallion with two recruiting pins.
- S/M Jim Grier talked on how we are working as a team to keep our Branch alive.
- Motion to adjourn by S/M Teri Jeske, Seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.
Meeting Adjourned 1900
Next meeting will be MAY 28, 2026 at 1800

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316:

FRA 2026 HeartLand Regional Convention Springfield, Mo.
SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 23 TO 27, 2026

WE NEED HELPERS FOR OUR CONVENTION. COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND SIGN UP TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH.

NEW / REINSTATED MEMBERS:

Nathalie Metzler

TRANSFER-IN: None

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: George King, and John Waggoner

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: James Hawthorne and Charles Pence.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 30, 2026: Tom Newsom, and Jessy Portis

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 31, 2026: Norman Basham, Sabrina Bonnette, and Steven Young.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 1, 2026: John Counce and Robert Gunnett.

Shipmates we need you to renew your membership. If you need any assistance. Please notify Secretary Ewy at 417-861- 9926. (If no answer please leave a message) or e-mail me at cmewy@sbcglobal.net. Please contact me if you have sent in your dues and are still in arrears, so I can get it corrected. -

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, ARE TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: Bert Kortum.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE "STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER": None

SHIPMATES IN GOOD STANDING, WITH 50 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP NO LONGER HAVE TO PAY DUES:

VISITATION: Shipmates, if you are sick or confined to bed, please let us know so one of the following S/M's can come and visit you. Contact: S/M Chaplain – Don Brunk (417-840-4717), S/M Secretary – Chuck Ewy (417-861-9926) or S/M President – Robert Turner (417-838-4991).

MAY 2026 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

Norman Basham	40 Yrs.	Bruce Blankenship	30 Yrs.	Sabrina Bonnette	09 Yrs.
Chris Cartwright	02 Yrs.	James Ervin	41 Yrs.	Robert Gunnett	01 Yr.
Ric Jackson	26 Yrs.	James Moran III	27 Yrs.	Jim Smith	68 Yrs.
Matthew Stewart	20 Yrs.	Wallace Watson	40 Yrs.	Steven Young	01 Yr.

WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE, WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN MAY 2026, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Richard Baehr	89 Yrs.	Robert Callahan	82 Yrs.	Patricia Cooper	77 Yrs.
Tony Delong	73 Yrs.	James Garton	80 Yrs.	Joseph Hessler	76 Yrs.
Ric Jackson	80 Yrs.	Thomas Newsom	78 Yrs.	Richard Reed	87 Yrs.
Jim Smith	91 Yrs.	Dennie Whittaker	84 Yrs.		

If, any of these are incorrect, please notify Branch Secretary.

Charles B. Ewy

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Secretary Branch 316

Shipmate President Robert Turner Ozark Empire Branch 316 Presenting a Check for \$450.00 to American Legion Post 639 to sponsor a Nixa High School Junior to attend the Hwy Patrol Training course.





Shipmate Joe Newton Youth Activities CH. Helping this Sea Cadet with his neckerchief.



Shipmates Pres Robert Turner and Sec Chuck Ewy presenting two Recruiting Pins and Certificates to Shipmate James Gallion. One for recruiting an active duty Navy person. One for recruiting 5 new or reinstated members.





Greater Ozarks Sea Cadet's April drill was a success.

Cadets had a community service project with the stream team at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Fantastic attitudes, hard work and many trash bags collected in the creek. Then we were able to explore and learn about the National Park Site. Basic first aid was led by a cadet for heat-related injuries and snake bites. Cadets were able to assist in the kitchen after

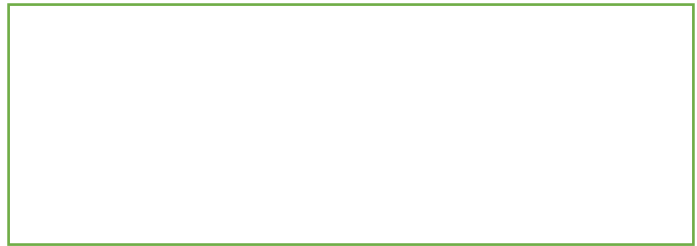
planning their menu for the drill weekend. Empowering the cadets and learning safe kitchen habits along the way. Our new PT cadet stepped into his role leading by example with an approved PT plan to challenge cadets. Cadet leadership and squads were adjusted to account for cadets that had been in their current roles for almost a year while allowing other cadets leadership opportunities.



A group picture of the Greater Ozarks Sea Cadet Unit.

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**USS Halsey (DLG-23) Don Brunk's 6th Ship
Leahy Class Guided Missile Cruiser**